GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTITUTION OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION GROUP
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India and U.S.A. have agreed to constitute a High Technology Cooperation group to facilitate long held up transfers of American controlled `dual use` technologies to this country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue to our country as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) During the visit of U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security Kenneth Juster to Delhi on 12-13 November 2002 the two sides agreed to create an India-U.S. High Technology Cooperation Group.

(b) & (c) This Group, comprising senior representatives of relevant departments of both countries, would expeditiously work towards developing a new statement of principles governing bilateral cooperation in high technology trade, with the goal of increasing India`s access to dual use goods and technologies from the United States.